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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 7, 2005, Applicant requests
reconsideration of the application.


The claims in the application are claims 1 to 81, no other claims having been
presented.

The Examiner has required an election of species between Fig. 1, Fig. 4, Fig. 5
and Fig. 8. The Examiner also went on to require a listing of all of the claims readable
thereupon.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement since it is deemed that the generic claim encompasses all of the Figures and therefore, the restriction requirement is not deemed to be proper and withdrawal of the same is requested. However, in order to be fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicant elects species I which corresponds to the embodiment of Figure 1. The relevant claims reading thereupon are claims 1 to 13 and 39 to 79. However, it is believed that there is but a single invention present and the Examiner is requested to reconsider the election of species and examine all of the claims in the present application.

Since the first Office Action was merely a restriction requirement, Applicant requests a prompt examination on the merits particularly since the application has a filing date of December 17, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
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